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JUDGE H. C. DUNCAN.

THE papers of the State announced the sudden death of Judge H. C. Duncan at his home in Bloomington, on January 30. Judge Duncan was one of the most widely known and respected citizens of Monroe county, and probably engaged longer in the practice of law there than any one else in the county. He has long been active in all public interests. He served in the army during the Civil War and has been at the head of the local interests of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In historical circles, Judge Duncan is known as one of the leaders in the Monroe County Historical Society. He contributed an article upon Austin Seward to the September, 1908, number (Vol IV, No. 3) of this magazine, and a year later an article of his upon Judge James Hughes (Vol. V, No. 3) was published. In both of these papers Judge Duncan showed a knowledge of the local history of the State and a sympathetic understanding of a type of life that is passing away among us, together with a literary skill that made him an honored member of the guild of historians. His death leaves us the poorer in the ability to recall and to describe the earlier life of our country.